

# Police Concede 50-MPH Limit Poses Problem

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If President Nixon's proposed 50 mile per hour speed limit for cars becomes a reality, what will it mean to traffic enforcement officers? What do they think of the plan?

What do they think of the idea to hold trucks and buses to 55 mph?

The question was brought closer to home with the announcement Gov. Milliken has asked legislators for immediate passage of a bill to allow him to lower speed limits to 50 mph in Michigan.

Several states have already imposed lower speed limits, and traffic officials in Michigan have been studying the picture.

A lower speed limit would not affect most local police in Observerland because there are very few stretches of highway in this area where speeds above 50 are allowed. The problem would fall mainly in the laps of state and county police.

In formal as well as informal gatherings, state, county and local officers mostly agree that enforcing a lower speed limit will pose a problem.

Most traffic groups agree that something has to be done to conserve gasoline. The Wayne County Safety and Traffic Committee, at its recent monthly meeting, decided to cancel the December meeting to help conserve fuel.

Chairman Michael Manog of Redford said it was felt that since members attending the meeting come from all over Wayne County, canceling a meeting would result in some gasoline savings for the various departments who send representatives to the sessions.

Since speed limits have not officially been reduced yet, the officers are maintaining a "wait and see" attitude. In their discussions of the proposal however, there are a variety of opinions about the results.

One police chief, when asked if he thought Michigan would follow the federal order to reduce speed replied: "The state had better follow suit or they might find federal funds for various projects are cut off."

Another officer voiced concern over the posting of new speed limit signs.

"This is going to cost plenty if we have to take out the old speed limit signs and replace them with new ones," he said.

Still another said the only way to get cooperation from motorists is to "hit them in the pocketbook. Make gas more expensive or harder to get."

Police agree that the su-

rest way of enforcing lower speed limits is to have adequate patrol cars on the highways. They also agree this is an impossibility since most branches of law enforcement are already understaffed.

As one officer expressed it: "We can stop one motorist for exceeding the speed limit and while we are busy with him, others will be speeding right by us. I don't see how a lower speed limit can be enforced without cooperation of the motorists."

The proposed 55 mph for trucks and buses, five miles over the limit for automobiles, irked one officer. "Trucks burn much more fuel than an automobile does. The 50 should be standard for all vehicles."

A sergeant took issue with the idea that reducing speed limits on highways or turnpikes from 70 to 50 would save much gasoline.

"I've found my car's gasoline consumption at 70 compared with 50 is negligible. Seems to me the answer is fewer cars on the road."

In spite of their various opinions, police know that should the speed limit be reduced, it will be their job to enforce it.

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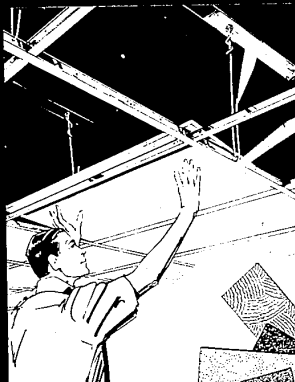
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